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INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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SUBJ: US-BELGIAN-IRANIAN LNG PROJECT

REF: A. CAIRO 2119 B. TEHRAN 869 C. ANKARA 729

1. SENIOR OFFICIAL IN NATIONAL IRANIAN GAS COMPANY'S PLANNING AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT GRUP HAS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT EL PASO/NIGC REPRESENTATIVES HAD A GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL SERIES OF TALKS WITH OFFICIALS OF SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY (SCA). HOWEVER, SINCE SCA HAS HAD NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH LNG TANKERS PASSING THROUGH CANAL, LATTER WAS UNABLE TO GIVE DEFINITIVE QUOTATIONS ON TOLL RATES FOR TANKERS FOR EL PASO/NIGC/DISTRIGAS PROJECT. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT HE WAS MORE OR LESS OPTIMISTIC ON GETTING A REASONABLE TOLL QUOTATION FROM SCA, ADDING THAT EL PASO AND NIGC REPS WOULD PROBABLY RETURN TO CAIRO WITHIN TWO OR THREE MONTHS TIME FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

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2. NIGC SOURCE SAID THAT IF DISCUSSIONS WITH SCA COLLAPSED OVER

TOLL RATES, THEN GOI AND EL PASO WOULD RECONSIDER QUESTION OF  
PIPELINE THROUGH TURKEY. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT THE TURKISH  
PIPELINE WAS DISTINCTLY A SECOND CHOICE.  
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